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School levy to rise

Madison approves \$1.4 million levy

By Scott Cousins Staff writer

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The Madison School Board
approved a \$1.39 million tax levy
Thursday for the 1995 tax year, an
approximate 10 percent increase
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The board approved the levy 4-1-1.
Trustee Joe Garcia voted against the
levy, and Jeff Bridick voted present.
Both said they had promised
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The district is seeking a total levy
of \$1,390,557, or an increase of 10.88
percent. The district collected a total
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1994 tax year.
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Officials are hoping an increase in assessed valuation will mean no tax increase — Gary Allison Superintendent



into the district.
Superintendent Gary Allison said school officials are hoping an increase in assessed valuation will mean no tax increases.
He said there was a 10 percent increase last year.
However, if there is no increased

in assessed value, there might be an increase of between \$12-24 for the owner of a \$30,000 home the public hearing on the tax levy before the hearing on the tax levy before the regular meeting.

Fannie Fisk of Madison said many residents are seniors whose property through the Homestead Act.

Allison said the district did not consider individual homes when figuring the levy, but the total which was about \$200 million last year.

He also pointed out that two big jumps in taxes were from referendums approved by voters as the consider in the same than the said of the



St. Elizabeth's Emergency Charge RN Ellie Pomeroy will be working New Year's Eve, but says that it may be one of the safest places in he showevening.

Cable firm to upgrade

Charter to add 20-30 channels by '97

By Bob Slate Staff writer

Charter Communications plans to invest about \$15\$ million to upgrade its cable television Charter General Manager Dave Miller said improvements will include fiber optics and an increase in output power to 550 megahertz from the current 350 megahertz. The improvement will allow Charter to offer 20 to 30 additional chamels and will result in \$A\$ 20-year-old system that is falling apart and competition from the growing popularity of small standing and the decision to invest in the upgrade, Miller said.

The upgrade completed as con as two years from now or by the end of 1998 at two was the charter with the charter invest. in wing rade, Miller said with the substitute of 1998 at the latest.

The end of 1998 at the latest with the social cable service, residents with the small dishest with the small dishest with the small combinations of those channels and can pick from a variety of packages offering different combinations of those channels and can pick from a variety of packages offering different combinations of those channels.

But, Miller warned — unlike cable — the dishes are not regulated by the Federal Communication of the prices could double next month and (See CHARTER, Page 8A)

New Year's Eve is not a party for those working

By Scott Cousins and Bob Slate
Staff writers

While most people will be getting ready to party New Year's Eve, some people will be getting ready to work.

At restaurants and nightclubs, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, workers will make sure everybody had a good time. But others

While most people celebrate on New Year's Eve and hope to be with the stores, gas stations and convenience stores, workers will make sure everybody had a good time. But others

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Stages action stalled

Madison meets with U.S. officials

By Scott Cousins Staff writer

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Madison City officials are holding off on action against Stages nightclub after a meeting with federal officials Thurstay.

Mayor John Bellcoff, City Attorney Casper Nighohossian and Folice Chief Stever Skolio met state for the Chief Stever Skolion met state for the Chief Stever Skolion met state for the Chief Stever Skolion where the Chief Stever Skolion which state the C on such mething with federal officials intus-diventified by the control of the c

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Staff writer

First Night St. Louis should provide a whale of a good time for all this weekend.

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The only known life-size bowhead whale sculpture in the country is one of many attractions at First Night St. Louis

First Night offers first-class party

New Year's event

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Federal funding to help low-income area residents pay their heating bills is finally on the way, however, the federal allottnents are only about 60 percent of what was received last year and are expected to fall far short of demand. "Sixty percent is going to hit a lot of families in Madison County hard," said Madison County Community Development. "In the figure is about 60 percent of last going to hit a lot of families in Madison County hard," said Madison County Community Development. "In the figure is about 60 percent of last going to hit a lot of families in Madison County hard," said "Madison County Community Development of the states. "In the figure is about 60 percent of last year's funding, Curtis added. "What this will do is probably allow us to pay the applications taken so far but this winter season, in addition to about the county Community Development of the Madison County Community Development of the Madison County Community Development of the Said separation from the states. "In the figure is about 60 percent of last year's funding, Curtis added. "What this will do is probably allow us to pay the applications taken so far but probably won't be enough to help any more; he said. "We've been taking applications since Oct, 1 not knowing whether there was going to be money to pay for it," she said.





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Students attending classes at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are observing a holiday break between fall and

spring semesters. It is closer in a manay spring semesters. University office will be closed now through Jan. 1. University office will be closed now through Jan. 1. It is considered to the construction of the construction of

Stages -

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he could look at the judge's order.
City officials were also informed that they could not seize the
mightclub's liquor license until Erin Venezia is sentenced.
Thomas Venezia was convicted Dec. 2 of racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering, operating an illegal gambling
business and conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service. He is in jail awaiting sentencing in March and faces up to
A federal jury in East St. Louis found that Venezia, through
his company B&H Vending, placed video poker and slot
machines in Metro East taverns, encouraged tavern owners to
pay off on the machines (which can only be legally used for
entertainment purposes) and split the profits with tavern ownstrategy of the profits with tavern ownstrategy of the trial prosecutors claimed

enfertainment purposes) and split the profits with tavent varieties.

During the forfeiture aspect of the trial, prosecutors claimed that Venezia and his company netted more than \$11 million in Stages is in the city's proposed tax increment financing district and is in the middle of what is expected to be part of the Gateway International Raceway expansion.

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that require them to be on duty as the rest of the world rings in the new year.

"Later on, you see all the lights going out and all the businesses closing down and you feel like you're the only person left in the world. It can be depressing," said Lt. Dennis Chemault of the Granite City police department.

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Workers are among those who can find themselves on the job New Year's Eve.

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Year's Eve for a long time," he said.

He said the decrease in the number of taverns in town and the use of designated drivers in town means less problems. Skoklo said the biggest problem his department faces is people ringing in the new year by shooting guns.

Every year at about midnight, the telephone lines light up with reports of gunshots at midnight. People are bringing in the new year. They want us to respond to them all and we just can't. Thenault said.

The biggest problem with that is, of course, what goes up must come down. Chenault said it is wise to be inside at about midnight to avoid stray gunfire.

One New Year's Eve about 19 Jeros 190, thenault said to stand by with witnesses. It can the you up for three officers had to stand by with witnesses. It can the you up for three or four hours," Chenault said.

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She picked up the paper and read it with care, in hopes that Debbie I and Debbie II still would be there, They always deliver, she said with a flourish, I know at Leather & Lace, I get customer service.

She left with boxes from Leather & Lace full of great lingerie It looked like she'd have a really exciting day.

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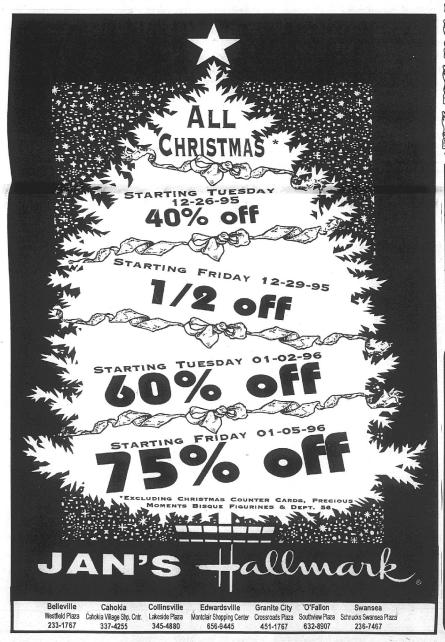


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The Christmas spirit Local groups, individuals help the needy

are up at had 06

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

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Christmas is one of giving to
the less fortunate, then many
of the realdents and
organizations in the Tri-Cities
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Mayor Ron Selph held his
annual Christmas Party at St.
Gregory's Armenian Hall two
weeks ago. Admission to the
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119 of the 370 presents to the mayor's effort.
In Ponton Beach, more than 2,000 lives were touched by the efforts of the Lions and Lioness II clubs. The clubs of the Lions and Lioness II clubs. The clubs of the Lions and Lioness II clubs. The clubs of the Lions and Lioness II clubs. The clubs of the Lions and Lioness II clubs. The clubs of the Lions and Lioness II clubs. The clubs of the Lions and Lioness and treats for more than 2,000 families.

"We anticipated about 1,200 families when we started. But the school district, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, churches and the Salvation Army," said Cindy Deness of Charleston and Lioness and

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- ornaments One box pearl white glass ornaments
- One large poinsettia bush
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 One package of 4-inch
- cinnamon sticks
 One 5-foot bolt gold lamé
- ribbon White string or white raffia to tie cinnamon sticks

Shape your wreath by fluffing the branches.

together

Take the large poinsettia bush and pull off four of the largest flowers. Space the flowers evenly on the

Step 3

Using glass ornaments, fill osing glass ordalients, in in spaces between poinsettias as follows: Place two white glass balls to the center of the wreath and one red ball between the two white balls, toward the front of the wreath. Hot glue in place.

Step 4
Go to the next open space between two flowers and place two red glass balls to the center and one white toward the front, then glue in place. Repeat steps 3 and 4 in the remaining two

Step 5 Insert one holly in berry pick behind each group of two same-colored glass balls, then hot glue them in place.

Step 6
Divide the 4-inch cinnamon sticks into four small bundles with three sticks per bundle. Tie them together with the white raffia. Glue the cinnamon stick bundles in the center of three glass balls.

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Corps' center educational Educators are planning a variety of school projects

Despite its humble home in modular offices off the Berm Highway at East Alton, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer temporary center on the Mississippi River already is becoming an educational source.

Mississippi River already is becoming an educational source of the sour

elementary schools.
The program, part of a Water Resources Education Initiative and slated for three days next spring, teaches water-related topics such as ground water, waste water, navigation, wetlands and water quality. The program will serve third-through

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th-graders. The majority of participating schools are in St. Louis

Teachers get a curriculum guide, workbooks with exper did six colorful child-oriented posters illustrating water is or the pilot program, a corps ranger will come to classred dit teach the lesson. Once teachers and pupils fill out sur final curriculum will be developed to be used in schools

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Programs for middle school students already are being used widely in Denver and Washington D.C., said Marion Fisher, educational coordinator for Water Resources, with the USGS in Washington D.C., said Marion Fisher, educational coordinator for Water Resources, with the USGS in Washington. The next step is to adapt the curriculum for high school students.

"It is important to educate the public in general, in particular for students, so they make intelligent decisions when they get older that affect the environment. We're all responsible for taking care of our resources," she said classroom, then move onto higher grades each following day. The rangers conduct experiments, some that children can duplicate. Among the workbook's experiments are those utilizing gravel and water, showing how pollutants travel through different types of rock to ground water below. Other experiments use a plastic pump to showing how pollutants travel through different types of rock to ground water below. Other experiments use a plastic pump to showing how pollutants travel through different types of rock to ground water below. Other experiments use a plastic pump to showing how pollutants travel through different types of rock to ground water below. Other experiments use a plastic pump to show the property of the state of of the

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GRAFTON — Businessmanturned-author Larry Wright twisted the focusing knob on an a soaring bald eagle.

Tara Point Inn, a bed-and-breakfast perched 275 feet over the confluence of the Mississipher of the waters over which the cagles of the confluence of the best first of the cagles of the confluence of the best places in the country for looking are some of the best places in the country for looking are some of the best places in the country for looking are some of the best places in the country for looking the country for looking are some of the best places in the country for looking are some of the best places in the country for looking the watching wintering American Bald Eagle Handbook: A Guide to Watching Wintering American Bald Eagle Handbook: A Guide to Watching Wintering Some of prime eagle-watching areas field guide that includes maps of prime eagle-watching areas for prime eagle-watching areas for prime eagle-watching areas for prime eagle-watching areas of prime eagle watching areas of the eagle watching areas of

Road."

One of 60 species of eagles in the world, American bald eagles have made a comeback in recent years and are showing up in record numbers along water ways in the River Bend. Last year, more than

400 were counted in one day by teams of spotters searching along the Mississippi River between Hartford and Hamburg and along the Illinois Rivers of the All Residual of the Mississippi River The majestic birds are found only in North America. They sociourn in the River Bend between mid-December and between mid-December and only in North America. They sociourn in the River Bend between mid-December and open water where they can alliustrated by local artist Alice Lang-Runzi, the book spotting, such as the best time to find the birds in motion (early mornings), where to look for them (frozen rivers of the middle of the morning of the motion of the morning of the mo

"I learned the best way to distinguish between vultures and herons and eagles is just to watch them," Wright said, switching to his binoculars to follow an eagle's flight pattern. of the volume to t

Massive but passive, Wright said, recalling a recent incident in which he saw an immature eagle steal a mouse from a mature bird that didn't offer much resistance.

"That's one strange thing about eagles," he said to the same strange thing about eagles," he said No. 1 can steal from eagle No. 2, and No. 2 won't fight or protest. They're very passive about that sort of thing."

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They will also try to steaf from other birds like gulls, Wright said, but with less success because their large size works against them. "A gul, and an eagle turns like an ocean liner. They can't make quick maneuvers."

Now retired, Wright divides his time among running his bird to the said of the

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residence halls, she said.
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Obituaries

Mary Pranaitis

Mary Ann Pranaitis, 68, of Granite City died during the

Arrangements are pending with Irwin Chapel, 931-8000.

Marjorie Hester
Marjorie M. Hester
Marjorie M. Hester, 71, of
Grand M. Hester,

years. A financial accountant with the U.S. government for 43 years prior to her retirement in 1989, she was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include two broth-

1989, she was of the Protestant Stath. Years include two broth-Survives metaled two broth-Survives and the Survives and the Survives and the Survives and the Survives and Sur

on.

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James Hill James K. Hill, 74, of Granite

City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 12:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 1995, at Wood River Township Hospital in Wood River after being ill for many years. He was born April 17, 1921, in Eiglin and had been a resident of Granite City for 50 years.

A truck driver for 18 years prior to his retirement in 1978, he was a member of the Eagles was a member of the Eagles of the member of the Eagles of the member of the Eagles of the Moose Lodge 272 in Grantle City and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300 in Grantle City. Mr. Hill was a World War II was a World War II protestant laith.

Protestant faith.

Survivers reclude one daughler, Barbare Hinojosa of Grantie
Gity, and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by
his wife, Deloree (Horal Hili,
whom he married in Cahokia,
note, by deed in 1988, his para
hill; and one sister, Barbara
Addison.

Arrangements are pending
with Mercer Mortuary, 1416
Grantee City, 878-4321

Memortals to the family of
James Hill are suggested.

Martin Schroeder

Martin Joseph "Bud" Schroeder, 88, of Madison died at 6:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995, at Calvin Johnson Care Center in Believille. He was born Dec. 31, 1906.

1906. Arrangements are pending with Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite

Lily Chaboude

Lily Chaboude

Lily B. (Perigen) Chaboude,
76, of Grante City died
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at
Colonial Care Center in Granite
City, following a three-year IIIness. She was born Dec. 12,
1985, at the colonial Care Center in Granite
City, following a three-year IIIness. She was born Dec. 12,
1986, and the colonial City of the Colonial Colonial
been a resident of Granite City
Cor 70 years.
Employed, with the legal
department at Mercantile Bank
in St. Louis for 10 years prior
to her retirement in 1984, she
in St. Louis for 10 years prior
to her retirement in 1994, she
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Women Commission of the
United States, the Governor's
Advisory Council on Youth and
the Granite City Society for
Crippled Children, where she
pured das president in 1977
and 1978.

Mrs. Chaboude was very

Mrs. Chaboude was very active in the Republican party. She also served as the American Cancer Society's 1972 Cancer Crusade campaign chairman and as a member of the illinois Heart Association Advisory Committee.

Survivors include one son, a Survivors include one son, a Crushits City; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glernwood Glenn Chaboude, who died

gen. Mrs. Chaboude's remains were cremated.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. today, Wodnesday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, where a memoral services following the memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

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Buses offer free rides Feb. 15, 1989; and her parents, On New Year's Eve

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For more information about holiday service, call Bi-State Transit Information of a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 271-2345.

Child nutrition class offered

For those interested in working in the school food service field, Belleville Area College's Hospitality Food Service Management program is offering a Child Nutrition Program starting in the Spring 1996 Semester.

Child Nutrition Program scar-ing in the Spring 1996 Semes-ter.

The course is designed for people working in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program. The Surses will be puss, 2590 Carlyle Ave. and Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

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exception," said Mike Hayes, director of the BAC Hospitality Food Service Management program. "We started a program to better serve these individuals with their career education needs."

als with their career education needs."

Two sections will be offered at the Belleville Campus: 7-850 p.m., Wednesdays, from March 6, through April 17.

Also, two sections will be offered at the Granite City Campus: 8-10:50 a.m., Thursdays, from Jan. 28, to Feb. 29, and 79:29 p.m., Thursdays, from Jan. 27, through April 18.

Tuttion for the program is

Tuition for the program is \$40 per credit hour for in-dis-trict students.



Glik's today

John Ulett of radio station KSHE-FM 95 will broadcast live from the Granite City Glik's store from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27. Throughout the broadcast, Ulett will give away KSHE "schtuff" and sports memo-rabilia.

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there's nothing the dish owner can do about it. What are you going to do? Junk a \$600 to \$700 piece of equipment?" Miller asked.

Miller said the upgrade of the local cable system will eventually allow Charter to offer more channels and more flexibility with packages and pay-per-view movies and events.

The control of the more popular channels cut a The Cartoon Channel, Encore, Court TV, Entertainment and the Golf Channel.

Miller said the system's current equipment was installed in 1977 and requires continuous maintenance. The current system cannot hanquency modulation (FM) frequencies, which has resulted in poor reception in some areas, especially Grante City.

He said the upgrade could be completed as soon as two years from now or by the end of 1998 at the latest.

Because different hubs along the cable line will be switched over as the construction progresses, different cities may receive the improved service more quickly than others, in the said the project is in the engineering phase now, but declined to say which areas would receive the improved service first.

In a related matter, Charter is currently attempting to convince municipalities to sign off on a pending \$211 million sale of the company by limited partners. The FCC requires approval of the sale by all municipalities that have franchise agreements with the company.

Miller said the sale — which was scheduled for completion earliers — year— all be completed before the upgrade takes place.

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Guard unit's move to Scott gains momentum

Staff writer

The St. Clair County Public Building Commission gave approval Thursday to move mission gave approval Thursday to move a Mid-America Airport intended to lure and aid an Air National Guard unit in its relocation from Chicago.

TAMS Consultants Inc. was authorized to manage and design the 2,000-foot extension so start of the control of the control of the control of the actual construction work was unavailable.

County Transportation Director Robert Coverdaic said the total cost of the project probably will be reimbursed by the city of Chicago. But the control of the move.

St. Clair County put itself in the running for the control of the move.

the unit months ago, but Chicago officials have yet to make a final decision.

Coverdale said the extension will not be a "throwawy" even if the reserve unit is moved elsewhere, but he expects they will be at Scott Air Force Base.

"The Air Force is pretty well assured this move will take place," he said.

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the reserve unit's new site so any changes necessary at Mid-America Airport could be made while the facility is under construction.

Coverdale said Hurst-Rosche Engineers Inc. are about 35 percent done with the design for the airport terminal. Bids should be in by February so construction can begin in the spring. The commission also selected gray over green for the roof color on the terminal Thursday from computerized images. David Pool of Hurst-Rosche said the green may look better, but would limit what colors could be used on interior walls.

Treat for bird watchers

Mark Twain Refuge reopens

BRUSSELS — For many area bird watchers in search of eagles and other feathered friends the reopening of one area wildlife center could mean better viewing of their favorite species. Reduge manager K.L. Drews said the Mark Reduge the Reduge opened its doors and wildlife trails last week after being closed for two months.

wann winding seeing opened its doors and wildlife trails last week after being closed for wildlife trails last week after being closed for Ducks, Canada geese and snow geese flock to the Calhoun County refuge near County Road 1 off the Brussels Ferry every year to escape the bitterly cold climates of their northern homes. Like the waterfowl's migration, closing the refuge for a period each fall is necessary for the birds' well-being.

Like the waterfowl's migration, closing the refuge for a period each fall is necessary for the birds' well-being. But this area is hunted very actively." said Drews, who stressed no hunting is allowed on the refuge grounds. "This gives the birds some sanctuary during the high-pressure periods when they're moving through."

Beginning Friday, nature lovers were allowed back at the visitors center, about four allowed back at the visitors center, about four Binoculars are available on the deck for searching ponds and trees for waterfowl, Drews said.

"Bald eagles use the backwaters, so you can see them from here, too."

On the Jersey County side of the Brussels Ferry, a three-mile trail that leads along the Illinois River to the picnic area at Pere per and the property of the

Event -

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This year's celebration will be better than ever, said Lory Rowman, security circular to the better than ever, said Lory Rowman, security circular to the better than ever, said Lory Rowman, security circular to the better than ever, said Lory Rowman, security circular to the better than ever, said Lory Rowman said. The said and continued the said and the better than ever, said Lory Rowman said (with the page of the said (with the page of the pa

In addition, children young and old will be able to make masks and help paint a Bi-State Development Agency bus, among other pursuits, in the Wasis Willbe's Workshop area.

A free shuttle bus service will run to the various sites throughout the evening. Parking will be available for \$1\$ at city garages near the venues. MetroLink trains and Bi-State buses will run free of charge after 9 p.m.

Hundreds of volunteers and police officers will be on hand to ensure visitors have a safe and enjoyable evening. The official host of the evening is Georgia Frontiere, owner of the St. Louis Rams.

The unofficial hosts include a colorful collection of "Zanies." These wild and wacky jugglers, comedians, fire-eaters, magicians — and others who defy description — will serve as hosts to keep things moving along and fun throughout the evening.

evening.

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Wrestling tourney highlights area's finest

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Crossing the river to com-pete in the tourney will be Oakville, Hazelwood Central, Howell North and McCluer North

Staff writer

The folks in Grantic City will be celebrating the holidays a little differently with one of the finest wrestling tournaments in the entire metaltic property of the folks and the folks in Grantic City Will be given to day (Wednesday) at Grantic City High School's Memorial Gymnasim. Season of the finest will be fine to day (Wednesday and Funt of a gymnasin Season of the finest will be fine to the finest will be fined to the finest will be fined to the finest will be fined to the finest will be folking of whether will be finest will be folking for their third straight holiday to the well-deplace will be finest will be fourney title and straight will be fourney title and to will be fourney title and the will be fourney to the will

Last year, the Warriors set a tourney record with 353.5



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Varrior Myke Glover (right) in action. Last year, the Warriors set a fourney record with 353.5' points, which was 140 points better than second-place Civic Memorial.

points, which was 140 points better than second-place Civic Metorial than 150 km and 150

City two weeks ago.

"We look at (the tournament) as a real challenge, and a good benchmark of where we are and what we need to do," said CM coach Steve Bradley.
"If you can do well there, you know you can do well anywhere."

CM APPEARS TO BE the only Illinois school that has a chance to compete with the Warriors. However, Belleville East and West have plenty of talent, and could be heard from. Two other Illinois teams,

Who can match GC's depth?

By Rob Raphael Staff writer

With the Granite City lineup in place for the first time all season, one has to wonder if any team can match up with the Warman and the place of the first time all season, one has to wonder if any team of the first time the word of the first consecutive Holiday Tournament title when they get out on the mats beginney grant of the word of the

setting performance ago.

The Warriors finished with 353.5 points last year, a meet record. Of course, last year's team finished ranked No. 1 in the state and had six wrestlers place at the state tournament.

THIS YEAR'S TEAM is not to that point yet, although they do have the respect of the coaches in the state, who have the Warriors rated No. 1 again. Still, Granite City has, until now, yet to put a full country of the many conductive the many conductive the many conductive to the many conductive the many co again. Still, Granite Cit until now, yet to put squad out on the mat.

squad out on the mat.

"IT"S A BIG RELIEF to finally have everyone back," said Granite City coach Mike Garland. "We'll see how things go, but to finally have my team together for the first though the same together for the first hope," See Scott put his troubles behind and rejoined the team in time for the Springfield in time for the Springfield in the same seed to the same seed



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Plab leaps back into high form

Want some good news during the holiday season? Consider the courage of the Plabs... The date was Thursday, Oct. 27. The place, Belleville Area College, and the occasion, a preseason basketball practice by the BAC men's basketball team

High into the air flew for-ward Darrin Plab toward a layin that became tragic when the two-on-one drill led to the Olympic high jumper being flipped head first onto the court with such a thud that silence struck the BAC facility.

"IN MY 21 years of coaching, I've never seen anything like it," said BAC coach Jay Harrington.

Harrington.

Plab suffered a double compound fracture of the skull, a blood clot and other related to the related to the related at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and later at Barnes in St. Louis.

Amazingly, in less than year's time and despite lingering woes like an impaired sense of smell, less than only the strength of the property of the strength of the property of the strength of t

students to the 1992 Olympic Con Dec. 14 at an open meet at the University of Arkansas, Plab cleared the 7-foot-1 mark (for third place) in his first competitive effort since the competitive effort since the intent on returning to world class form that with the help of his dad Terry, a high jump runway and landing pit were built last fall alongside Terry's residence in Lebanon.

residence in Lebanon.

"I DON'T FEEL the pressure I felt when I was trying for the Olympics," said Darrin, who won an NCAA title white at SIUC meeting in Arkanse, he had a 7-3 jump during a workout in Carbondale and is confident of qualifying for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

In 1992, when he qualified for (See PLABS, Page 4B)



Lady Warriors Stephanie Brandt (55) Geeta try to block an East St. Louis Flyer's shot.

Warriors fall to Kahoks despite tremendous effort

By Rob Raphael Staff writer

Entering the Mascoutah Tournament, which was to begin Tuesday, the Granite City Lady Warriors should have a bit of momentum after rallying for three quarters before falling just short to Collinsville last Thursday.

The Lady Kahoks beat the Lady Warriors 45-44 at Memorial Gymnasium, despite 30 points from Denise McMillan and a hustling defense that scratched its way back from a huge first-quarter deficit.

AFTER THE FIRST PERIOD, Collinsville led 21-5. When Beelty Lane hit a 3-pointer to start off the second period, the Lady Kahoks led 24-5. Grantic City fought its way back to with a point at the end of the game, and had two shots at the basket in the final seconds. The ball just wouldn't fall.

(See EFFORT, Page 48)

Steve Logan let up? Not his style

By Rob Raphael

Whether in a soccer game or basketball game, beware of those quick feet and that determined attitude. Those characteristics belong to Steve Logan, who in his senior year has excelled in two sports — and counting.

excelled in two sports — and counting.

Using quick dribbling and a straight-ahead style, Logan recently complete his senior year of soccer by the senior of soccer by the senior year of soccer by the senior was also named as the team's co-NTPHE baskethall senior senior that the same style to play some of the best defense in the conference. Next spring, he will likely play baseball as well. One would not want to tag him on a play at the play the senior s

be the catcher that has to tag him on a play at the plate.
"He's a competitor, and just about the hardest worker you could imagine," said Warrior basketball coach John Van Buskirk. "Whether it's soccer or basketball, he gives it everything he's got on every play."

everything he's good play."

"I've just been trying to work hard and play tough offense and defense," said Logan, 17. "I'm not really a scorer, so I have to do other things to help the team."

things to help the team."
One thing Logan surely
does on any field is lead.
"He's very much a leader

on our team. He's really the search of the s



"I THINK I'M A leader, and I like to get the guys riled up before the games. I enjoy doing that; and it was the same in soccer, so I'm used to it."

Logan, the son of Roy and Logan of Granite City, in the future. Soccer may be his ticket to college, but he says he loves to play the hoops as well he hard to choose. We would have to be come to some in soccer, but I want to play basketball, too. Either way would be alright, and if I could do both, that when the college were better to the college with the college with the college. Logan said the soccer but I want to play basketball, too. Either way would be alright, and if I could do both, that while the college. Logan said the soccer but for the college was a hic of a disappointment, but he still believes the Warriors proved their naysayers wrong.

"I KNOW WE WERE

"I KNOW WE WERE better than people thought we'd be. With just two starters back for that team, Justin (McMillian) and myself, I don't think people thought we'd be very good."

And as far as the basketball Warriors go, he is hopeful the team can build on their two-game winning streak. Granite City defeated Bethalto 71-70 Wednesday (Photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

(Photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Warrior Steve Logan is off and running this season.

4th-seeded East among favorites in Classic tourney



By Brian Bretsch Staff writer

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Staff writer
It's not exactly 24 hours of
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eams.
CHS basketball coach Bob
Bone said it is difficult to pick
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"I THINK THERE is some very good teams and there is a bunch of them," Bone said. "I'm not sure there is one or 'I'm and sure there is one or 'I'm and sure there is one or had some great teams in the past that have kind of been lead and shoulders above the field. I don't see that this year. We've probably got eight or nine teams that can win the tournament. I don't know if we here had this many good cans."

Decatur MacArthur holds down the top seed, followed by Collinsville at No. 2, Springfield Southeast at No. 3 and Belleville East with the fourth

and final seed.

Because the Classic has so much parity this season, do the seeds really make a difference?

Be seeds still mean something. Bone said. "Normally you can look at the end and your seeds have been feirly close. It will be interesting to look back at this year's tournament to see what the seeds with the seeds are the seeds with the seeds because we had to separate them without seeing all of the teams. First we had to separate people who were very close together and we had stuff like that. That makes it very difficult."

As an example of how difficult it was seeding the teams for the Classic this year, two-(See CLASSIC, Page 4f)



field Southeast.

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Everyone is welcome.

The game will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, call Kevin McFarland at 234-5882.

Althoff alumni game
Althoff Catholic High School
will hold its fourth annual
men's alumni basketball game
on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the
high school. All former players,
coaches and cheerleaders are
welcome.

coaches and cheerleaders are welcome.

Ceremonies will start at 3 p.m. and will precede the junior varsity and varsity bas-setball games between Althoff and Cahokia. Refreshments will be served following the alumni game in the school's cafeteria. To register or for more information, call Kevin McFarland at 294-5982.

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Forcade co-sponsored the tourcament. Mascoutah 700 Bowing Club's (314) 863-3322.

Scratch Tournament, Dec. 9 at Mascoutah Lanes. Mitchell bowled games of 269, 267 and 278 to win the top cash prize. Country Companies agent Mark Forcade co-sponsored the tournament.

Jack Vines of Belleville fin- Jack Vines of Bell

ished second with a 717 series on games of 265, 235 and 217. Ed Fenstermacher of Belleville placed third and Jim Het-Parker of Skawille finished fourth of Nawulle finished fourth. The Mascoutah 700 Bowling Club has 170 members in southwest Illinois.

and Illinois 159.
The event will feature MilThe event will feature MilMatheny, Todd Watcher Miles
Los Angeles Dodgers will
speak about his faith. Other
clinicians include San Diego
Padres scout Van Smith (formore and Belle Miles of the College) and Belle Miles of Greenville College. The clinic
host is Joel Hawkins, head
baschall coach at Highland
The cost is \$20 (by Jan. 17)
or \$25 at the door and includes
a continental breakfast. For
more information, call (314)
863-3322. Club has 170 members in southwest Illinois.

FCA volleyball clinic The Greater St. Louis Area College and Belleville Area College The Clinic Members in the Interest of the College and Belleville Area College the Clinic General Bob Marsh of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 volley-ball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 6 at a site to be considered the College and Belleville Area College the Clinic General Bob Marsh of College The Colleg

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International Sports Festival
The 1996 International
Sports Festival, being held over
the Fourth of July weekend,
the Sports to
include best parts to
and volleyball. Teams from
Belgium in each sport will be
participating.

The IAF is looking for teams or athletes that are 17-18 or 13-14 years old to help host these international athletes and to play in small basebail, basketball and volleyball tournaments in Belleville and Fairview Heights. Exhibition games and clinics will also be held during their stay from July 2-18, 198e.

The IAF is looking for four local teams in each age group in each sport and will be inviting teams from four other states. Baseball and volleyball will be held in Fairview Heights and basketball will be held in Belleville.

Any interested team or ath-lete should call Kevin Whit-worth at (314) 645-5496.



Madison hoops — The Madison squad will attempt to make headway against Decatur MacArthur in first round action at the Collinsville Classic Tournament. Above, Madison's

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•Classic

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time defending champion Peo-ria is not among the top four. The Lions are grouped with the second tier of top teams.

he second tier of top teams.

FEORIA RETURNS to the tournament with 6-foot guard A.J. Guyton, who was the Classical WP 2 years ago. seeded them, they were 2-3," Bone and "one of their losses was to MacArthur, but they have A.J. Guyton, who is one of the top players in the state — if to players in the state — if the players in the state — if the players in the state — if the state is the state of t

"REPUTATION-WISE, com"REPUTATION-WISE, coming in I think he is (the one to
watch)," Bone said. "There
are some other very good playrated before the state of the compart of the

Depth

off the bench at times this session to give the Kahoks an outside touch, is out for the tournament with a broken thumb. Springfield Southeast started the season off on a rough note to the season of the season of

"THEIR LOSSES were both to teams ranked in the top 10." Bone said. "They are a lot like from last year. We just felt they were justified in getting one of the seeds." On the lettic and got a lot of kids back from last year. We just felt they were justified in getting one of the seeds." On the letting one of the seeds. "I have a bench, which is very beneficial in a tournament such as the Classic.

East is led by junior guard Clint. "Outta" Sizes, who is a sophomore 223 Foolity, 21.8 points per game. The bench includes Lance Barnes, Bruce Dye, Nate Frisbee, Ron Oliver and Mike Todd.

The Lancers are less get a huge bench with the seeds. "So have the seeds of the lancers' comeron-behind victory last the care less than the seeds." They are legitimate. They are awfully good," Bone said. "Once again, a case could have probably been made to give them a higher seed. (Sitzes) is a very good player on seith are Edwardsville.

give them a nigner seen. The Kahoks were 3-0 at the time the seeds were handed to the them the seeds were handed to the them the seeds were handed to the them the seeds and borded them the seeds and borded to the them the team has dropped to the .500 mark at 3-3.

CHS is led by a trio of seniors, Andy McPall, Derek the Senior off seniors, Andy McPall, Derek them the season and led by senior off seniors, Andy McPall, Derek the season and led by senior off seniors, Andy McPall, Derek the season and led by senior off seniors, Andy McPall, Derek the season and led by senior off seniors, Andy McPall, Derek the season and led by senior off seniors, Andy McPall, Derek the season and led by senior off seniors, a

unstoppable at 4-1.

Center Nathan Taylor and forward Josh Cigliana have given the Knights a great one-two punch this season. Both have provided Triad with some soutstanding play on swell as outstanding play on swell as traylor is also not afraid to step outside to nail a 3-point basket.

The Knights will face Kimon Green, Craig Brown and the rest of the East St. Louis Lincost of the East St. Louis Lincost of the Last St. Louis Lincost of the East St.

games by one point.

The Warriors are led by Dustin Brewer, Jay Simpson, Ray Smith and the tenacious defense of Steve Logan.

"He's very much a leader on our team. He's really taken on that role," Granite City coach John Van Buskirk said. "When Kyle (Briggs) went down, Ste teally supped up Market Stephen St

•Effort

"We had our chances, so we have nothing to complain about," said Granite City coach Chuck Kraus. "But that was just a courageous effort by the girls. They could have easily quit in the first half, but this team just doesn't know the meaning of that word." We have the couldn't connect. "So got hacked, but that rimmed out. Tonna Druhe got the rebound, went up for the shot, but couldn't connect. "She got hacked, but I guess there's nothing you can do about that." Kraus said.

McMillan also But there was much more to the Lady Warrior defense. Anna Tapp, quickly developing as an inside force, pulled down four rebounds but had an amazing 10 blocks on the night.

They Mouroe had four points and eight rebounds, and Christin's had a supplied the short of the country of

around."
THE LADY WARRIORS WERE TO play Quincy in the first round of the Mascoutah Tournament.
"They really gave it to us," said Kraus of the Mascoutah organizers. "They gave us the top seed and a 9 o'clock game. But who knows, we may surprise some people."

·LOGAN -

(Continued from Page 18) that's especially true for me. Other than that, just keep playing that's especially true for me. Other than that, just keep playing thard and always give 100 percent. I think defensively we've played pretty well.

"The atmosphere in practice has been a lot better the last cuple of days, but no way are we going to let up now." Steve Logan let up? It's just not his style.

Briefly

Kirkwood Athletic
Association
The Kirkwood (Mo.) Athletic Association is expanding its baseball program at all age levels in 1996. Individual and team registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 13 and Jan. 27 at Kirkwood Middle School.
The fee is \$400 per coild. The fee is \$400 per coild.

•Plabs -

(Continued from Page 18) the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, Darrin cleared 7-8½ and finished 18th in the world, where the winning height was 7-8½.

OVERTIME: By coincidence, nearly a year to the date of Darrin's head injury, his sister D.D. Plab suffered a torn Achilles tendom while coaching volleyball at Hancock (Mo.) High School.

D.D. Plab suffered a torn Acquires tenoon white coaching volleyball at Hancock (Mo.) High School.

got her cast off and is undergoing rehab with hope of playing pro baskethall this winter," Terry Plab said of the former Mascoutah prep girls basketball all-stater.

The third leading soccer in women's basketball at the sacreer bests in assists and free throw percentage (62 per 187 in Ireland and led the country in scoring at 28 points per game in her final season free; Should she regain full use of her right foot, she is hopeful of gaining a guard spot with the

St. Louis River Queens, with whom she worked at camps last summer. EXTRA INNINGS: When the St. Louis Cardinals signed Gary Gaetti to a one-year contract, I wondered how Terry Plab would have fared had he been able to pitch against the Centralia slugger in the Mon-Clair men's league, the winningest pitcher in County League historian the County League historian than the County League of the Winningest pitcher in County League historian than the County League h

Prior to signing with Minnesota in 1979, Gaetti turned down a \$500 offer from the Cardinals in '78 and played that summer with Centralia of the M-C League.

During a season in which Centralia was 11-15 in league games and finished fourth behind Millstadt, Shiloh and Belleville in the St. Clair Division, Gaetti hit .400 with 20 hits and 16 RBIs in 50 at-bats.

Tourney

(Continued from Page 18)
Streb says his team plays in a fairly weak conference, so he's looking for the increased competition.
"It certainly tells us where we're at in the midseason," he said. "We're looking to evaluate the entire team, but we're looking at the individual aspect, too. It's excellent competition, and most demanding, It's hard on them the property of the property o

sixth. Hazelwood Central placed seventh last year. Besies Oakville, Central appears to be the next toughest opponent.

Both Central and McCluer North have their share of good wrestlers, but lack the team depth to compete with the Granite City powerhouse.

"They're just in a league of their own," Bradley said. "They're what all other teams can look at to gage themselves."

we were in a good one last week at Kanasa City, but this is as good as it gets around here," said Streb. "We're looking forward to the challenge."



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"We may take our lumps there," said Oakville coach Rocky Streb. "We have only three seniors returning, although we've picked up a lot of experience aiready this year for our youngsters. We were in for our youngsters we were in year at Granite City, and we may be hard-pressed to do that again."

The first through fifth place individuals will receive medals at the event, and the top three at the event, and the top three strength of the property of the property

more Tyson Brill, who came same with Highland on Dec. Triad has been virtually which freed John Venne move to 160 and Jason Wilson to wrestle at 152.

"He had so out, and sometimes you just have to do that," said Garland.

And John Selliers has settled into the lineup at weight, so he carbon to be in good shape, as long as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers has soing as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers has soing as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers has soing as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers has long as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers has soing as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers have appear to be in good shape, as long as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers have appear to be in good shape, as long as the time away from the team doesn't hurt Selliers have a time to be the main threats from the west side of the river. A big unknown factor is how have everyone back, so now have everyone back them in the driver's seal, "I would Kellier North (thirt) and Charloth and Charloth and Charloth and Charloth and Charloth and Charloth time."
"I heard Granite City had everyone back, which puts them in the driver's seat." said CM coach Steve Bradley.
"Of course, they were pretty seat of the seat



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This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St., in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 788-3019. Al-Anon, 7:15 p.m. Gateway Foundation, 600 W. Lincoln Ave., Caseyville. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11
a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 1216 Club, 2116 Club, 21

or 344-4183, or contact CARD at 346-7529.
Divorced and Separated Group Ministry, 7-8-30 p.m., Eden United Church of Christ, 903 Second Street, Edwardsville, 656-9288.
Parents Anonymous Group, meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be head, call Elaine Landolt, and Elaine Landolt, and Elaine Landolt, 50 p.m. at Mental Health Services, 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, Granite City. For people who want to know what causes stress, how it affects their lives, and what they can do about it. For more informado

Thursday, Dec. 28

Singles Connection will
hold a reception and introductory meeting at 7 p.m. at the
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463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous,
Acceptance, 8 p.m., 2616 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line
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Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth
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Members attending from the Garden Study Club of the Garden Study Club of the Garden Study Club of the Garden Study Club. The Club's December meeting was held at the home of Helen Mihu. The meeting was called to order by Mary Somm. President, who well-cried director, and three new members, Nancy Morgan, Martha Simpson and Ellen Amsler.

The members repeated the Club Collect and the Pledge were read by Helen Meyer. The treasurer's report was given by Mary Stomm.

Exhibits were homemade ornaments and arrangements.

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The program, given by Dusty Peterson and Carla Fitzgerald, was "How to Give the Birds a Christmas Party." Peterson and Fitz-gerald made food, tree orna-ments and goodies for the



Shown are, from left, Carla Fitzgerald, Helen Mihu and Ellen Amsler

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Holiday trimmings — Belleville Area College recently held a Christmas Topiary workshop at the Belleville Campus as part of the Saturday Experience workshop program. Topiary is the art of trimming trees and shrubs into shapes. Marilyn Schooley of Granite City puts a few finishing touches on her holiday topiary.

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Acres and acres of poinsettias

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Back when everybody else was getting ready for Easter, the people at the NG. Helmos Getting ready for Easter, the people at the NG. Helmos Getting ready for Christmas. No, it wasn't because the Helmos family is the kind that gets all its presents wrapped and cards written before the reveryone at the greenhouse was starting to grow the mother plants of the poinsettlas they would sell at Christmas season, the company's greenhouses in Sunset Hills, Sappington, Sunset Hills, Sappington, Sunset Hills, Sappington, Wirkwood, Millstadt and New Asson more cheerful.

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Horoscope

Wednesday, Dec. 27
A fretful dream due to the moon passing Saturn in the wee hours is easily shaken off in the geofor-it atmosphere that dominates workday hours abound today — those who still have family visitors have shound today — those who still have family visitors have heathly and cooperation. Heck, so do coworkers. Goal-taking — think long term, too. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Provide basics to those who bring you joy — a sense of peace pervades your day. Look tions, and firm up plans. You've grown closer to in-laws, which helps you understand your mate much better, to an incomplete the control of the contro

too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
It looks like love — or at least a fascinating diversion. A Pisces who enters your life now can change everything for the better. Young people in your family or neighborhood could use your help and understanding.

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Sleep late — dreams are rich with psychological implications. Insights about the past make sensible planning for the acloset, and give the old clothes to a worthy cause.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Social events that include busing the control of the control of

Christmas bonus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18). Inside information puts
you at an advantage in a
past experience makes you
wise. Hold your mate to promises made weeks ago about
spending. Call on new prosects.

PISCS (Feb. 19-March 20).
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closeness with in-laws have
marked this season.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec.
27). A red-letter year is ahead,
so greet changes in January
and February with flexibility
learn in March. Use the knowledge and experience you've
gained during the past few
years for expanding personal
interests from April through
see creative plateau in May,
bringing profitable contacts.
Continue your conscientious
work on the job.
VINIGO (Aug. 2 misunderstanding that occurred long
ago with an aunt or uncle.
Your boss or mate has a full
schedule planned for you.
Shopping looks good for the
afternoon. Parents enjoy hearLIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

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Sabrina (PG) 1:20, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55
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tions pulled like old-fashioned taffy, there's the swelling music in the opening credits and the images of great American icons — eagles, portraits of Washington, Kennedy, etc. — to help conjure up powerful patriotic sentiments.

The film poses a provocative question: Is the president allowed to have a personal life? Trouble is, the answer is offered in fairly forgettable

"The American President" features Michael Douglas as President Andrew Shepherd, with the requisite puffy presidential pompadour. who is captivated by Sydney Wade (Annette Bening), a fast-talking environmental lobbyist.

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He broaches his interest with his chief of staff, A.J. Mach-nerney (Martin Sheen), asking him in a plaintive voice that any teen-ager would recognize, "She didn't say anything about me?"

any teen-ager would recognize. "She didn't say anything about me?" he courtehip gets under way with a few genuinely sweet moments, including a presidential phone call that's mistaken for a prank. Then, there's the dilemma of ordering flowers over the phone access to your old credit cards.

But once the romance is in full flower, when the couple's very real affection can be enjoyed, the plot yanks and yang the yang

The other distraction is a growing attack against the president by a right-wing senator played by Richard Dreyfuss, who tries to brand the "Friest Mistress" who is a flag-burning liberal verging on a whore.

Then, there's the endless nattering by his staff; a poll-ster-numbers geek played by the played by ster-numbers geek played by the played by Michael J. Fox, a press secretary (Anna Deavere Smith), and a personal aide (Sitanus and George Stephanopoulos-wannabe played by Michael J. Fox, a press secretary (Anna Deavere Smith), and a personal aide (Sitanus and president also is trying to be a dutiful single parent to his 12-year-old daughter, Lucy (Shawna Waldron).

But this is supposed to be a love story, and there's a love story, and the love story, an

Just about the most exposition we get is that she's from Virgins. When the couple sneaks off to Camp David, she reveals nothing about herself but instead reads a biography of Shepherd and discusses his college grade point average. On the limitations of the material, in seeming endearingly befuddled while still possessing a true presidential power and sikiness. Bening, meanwhile, instincts by furlously blinking and scrunching up her eyes whenever she's required to be overwhelmed or surpised, which unfortunately is often.

Of the supporting players.

of the supporting players,
Fox stands out as being conspicuously miscast. With his
'Tm-a-big-boy" suspenders, he
seems to be an Eagle Scout
who has slipped away from a
White House tour. You expect
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Giff time — Andrea Valencia, 10, above, attaches a candycane corner post to a gingerbread house she made in her sixth grade class at Lake School while her classmate Justin Marshall, 12, watches. The students were making ornaments and gifts during the week before Christmas. Below right, Justin Fisher, 11, uses a nail to punch holes in a tin can lid in the shape of a snownam while making a candle holder. Below left, Tim Cox, 10, sews buttons on a felt Christmas tree to look like ornaments. At bottom, April Holman, left, Megan Towery and Savanah Faith, all 10, make ornament-size wreaths out of jigsaw puzzle pieces painted green and red.







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to programs to reduce violence. Secretary of State George Ryan and Attorney General Ryan and Attorney General Ryan and Attorney General Ryan and Attorney General Violence plate. It will be used to raise money for a new Violence Prevention Authority that will distribute grants to local and statewide organizations to combat violence.

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offset costs of producing the plate.

Renewals of the plate will cost \$75, with another \$25 going to the fund and \$2 for administrative costs.

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3 attend seminar

Charles Tzinberg, Mark Goldenberg and Barb Deck, all members of the certified public accounting firm of Tzinberg and Goldenberg, recently attended a day-long 1995 taxeminar held in St. Louis.

They reviewed Internal Revenue Service rulings and court can be serviced by the service rulings and court can be serviced by the service rule of the

Wednesday, December 27, 1995

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Settle down for a sweet nap with sugar-plums that make dreams fruitful.

INSIDE

Heart-y Bites

Shrimp posts premium position on holiday party tray.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Caramel cheese dip offsets holiday color of apples.

Private Label etc.

Sifting through holiday baking ingredients has become the December norm. Tasters give Domino confectioner's sugar flavored with strawberry, chocolate or lemon a quick test for sweet success.

Micro Raves

Wassail is a warmer, cappuccino a courtesy on a cold day.

Lively Taste

Aromatic cinnamon is an expected seasonal flavor for the nose, as well as the palate. For a warm winter punch, place I unpeeled orange and I unpeeled lemon, both cut in half-cartwheel slices, in heat-resistant bowl or pitcher. In large saucepan, combine 2 cups water, 1/2 cup packed brown sugar, 4 sticks cinnamon and 8 whole cloves. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 10 minutes. Add 4 cups fresh orange juice and 2 cups pineapple juice. Heat through, but do not boil. Pour over sliced citrus. Stir well. Makes about 8 cups. Can be served warm or chill mixture to serve over ice.

Health

Medicine Chest

A person who runs into a weekend sporting injury should treat it with rest, i.e., compression and elevation. Rarely is heat therapy indicated. Over-the-counter pain relievers and anti-inflammatory agents can relieve symptoms. Like with any drug, use it according to label instructions.

Kids' Cuisine

For a holiday treat, shape pancakes to suit the occasion. Do not mix batter too thin. Carefully lay in frying pan in shape of tree and serve with green-tinted applesance or frosting for a sweet topping, or drizzle thin batter so it becomes a snowflake or star and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar or add a dab of white icing.

Big Fat Tip

Prepare a fat-free cheese spread to use on crackers or with seafood. Mix 1 brick (8 ounces) nonfat cream cheese, softened, with 4 teaspoons fresh lemon juice and 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh lemon rind. Spread on party bread or sandwich bread cut-outs, then top with salad or cooked shrimp. The mixure also can fill hollowed-out cherry tomatoes or celery sticks or top slices.

Future Shop

In 1994, top lunch and dinner items were pizza, ham sand-wiches and hot dogs. For every six meals Americans ate in their kitchens last year, they ate one away from home. A whopping 90 percent of food eaten was processed in some way. Whose family does this sound like? Source: International Joury Dell-Bakery Association



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By Janice Denham Staff writer

When food is as colorful as it is

When food is as colorful as it is tasty, it offers a warm invitation to be part of a new year.

Corn, tomatoes, broccoli, pimento and red peppers stand up to flavors that range from familiar to feisty. Cheese and walnuts provide richness that well-wishers hope goes with everyone in the coming year. coming year.

Spice mixtures come straight from the bottle to perk up the new

year early.

A pinch of curry and the exotic comes aboard, a touch of jerk seasoning and island flavor beckons.

A sprinkle of chili powder moves taste buds to the Southwest. Don't forget Italian spice for a touch of the Mediterranean.

The mix is ready to be distinct-

ly American. These recipes can be toted to the first party of 1996.

Keep ingredients that need chill-

ing on ice. Centerpiece Salad is ready for hearty appetites with its sprinkling of nuts at serving time. When it arrives at the party, Corn and Feta Salad can go straight to the table.

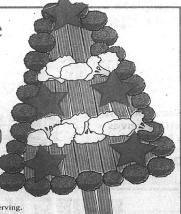
Ingredients for Spicy Cheese-Nut Pizza are few. If baking in a round pizza pan, cut if in thin

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Arrange fresh vegetable pieces in tree shape for a festive table. Don't be afraid to make several and improvise with ingredients. Use celery sticks for base. Broccoli florets provide fluffy green edges and cauliflower becomes the garland. Stars can be made of red bell pepper and jicama, or sliced bread cut with cookie cutters, sprinkled with garlic powder and toasted in an oven.

For dip, beat 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese and 1 cup sour cream of preferred fat level with 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard. Stir in 1 or 2 envelopes spring vegetable soup mix. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours. Stir dip before serving.



Domino hopes its chocolate-, strawberry- and lemon-flavored confectioner's sugars will become as common as brown sugar

Sugars let our testers take sweet dessert road "easy to use," but the sur-prise was when he added it to a glass of milk. "Accidentally to You just "Accidentally You just stir it in and it tastes every bit as good as the chocolate milk you buy," he said. Although not used as extensively, the lemon fla-vor was regarded as highly. A tester who likes lemon flavor called her lemon buests very successful" for

Testers sayored the sweet Testers savored the sweet smell of success when they used Domino's new flavored confectioner's sugars. Chocolate, lemon and strawberry flavors turned into pleasing successes for the sweet tooth.

Of course, chocolate was the first to be tried.

One tester replaced the usual chocolate chip pancakes on Saturday morning for his family with plain pancakes topped with the sugar.

sugar.
"The chocolate powdered suger melts into a nice suger chocolate glaze when sprin-kled on hot buttered pan-cakes or French toast," he said.

When asked what it tastwhen asked what it tast-ed like, his 7-year-old daughter gave the ultimate response: "It tastes like chocolate."

chocolate."

A one-pound box costs 99 cents at most supermarkets. Recipes for using the individual flavors are on the box.

One tester looked no further

One tester looked no further.

"I made a double batch of the chocolate fudge (from a recipe on the box).

ever made, it has replaced some standard tried-and-true recipes as one of my son's favorites. It was so easy, I felt like i was cheating. I substituted pecans for walnuts and it was fine," she said.

"The chocolate treats I are were the colatery by very soft, not bitter at all or overly sweet," another tester said.

The chocolate also was turned into a glaze for cream puffs with the addition a little milk and a pinch of vanilla.

He declared the glaze

Micro Raves

When the weather outside is frightful and the forecast carried of the forecast

ready to serve in that cooking container.

Warm drinks put stamp

of approval on sit-'n'-sip

Betty Serati specializes nicrowave cooking.

WINTER WASSAIL

qt. apple cider cups pineapple juice cup honey sticks cinnamon cup lemon juice tsp. whole allspice tsp. whole cloves Light rum, if desired

In large glass container, combine cider, juice, honey, cinnamon, lemon juice alispice and cloves. Heat, covered, on high power about 15 minutes until mixture boils. Continue cooking on medium (50 percent) power 5 to 7 minutes longer.

CAPPUCCINO

By BETTY SERATI

cups half-and-half cup strong coffee or

cup strong espresso tbsp. honey

tbsp. honey tsp. cocoa tsp. vanilla cup brandy, if desired cup coffee liqueur, if desired cup dark rum, if desires Whipped cream for garnish Chocolate shavings for Chocolate shavings for garnish

Place half-and-half in glass measure or bowl. Microwave 3½ to 5 minutes on high power until scald-ed; it should have a "skin" on top but does not come to Drur hot coffee into large glass bowl or pitcher. Add scalded half-and-half, Whisk in honey, cocoa and vanilla. Cook on high power about 2 minutes until hot.

Heart-y Bites

By TRICIA GUFFEY

Shrimp has mighty role

Everyone loves a holiday party table featuring shelifish. Shrimp, the king of appetizers, is elegant, simple, always appreciated and a featured market item for a new year's party some par

True, shrimp contains a little more cholesterol than other fish — about 45 milligrams per ounce compared with 20 milligrams per ounce of salmon or bass. However, in reasonable pottlons, eating its niceludes less than 300 milligrams cholesterol daily.

The good news is that shrimp is low in fat. Three ounces — 7 to 8 medium, 5 large, or 3 to 4 jumbo — shrimp has only one gram fat. Compare that with 10 grams fat in a single ounce

of cheese and a party buf-fet table holds instant suc-

Shrimp is a good source of beneficial omega-3 fats, credited with helping to lower risk of heart disease. At only 100 calories per three-ounce serving, shrimp is a calorie bargain, foo fat-and calorie-laden disaster if prepared with high-fat ingredients.

Registered dietitian Tri-cia Guffey is a volunteer for the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chap-ter.

BAY SCALLOPS AND SHRIMP IN PASTA SHELLS

1 cup bay scallops

steamed, cooled, drained cup shrimp, cooked, peeled, deveined cup finely chopped celery

cup finely enoppeu celery cup chopped green onion cup low-fat cottage cheese, blended until smooth tbsp. Iemon juice tbsp. fresh dill, chopped White pepper to taste oz. uncooked jumbo pasta shells tbsp. reduced-fat Italian salad dressing

Toss together scallops, shrimp, celery, onion, cheese, lemon juice, dill and pepper. Adjust seasoning to taste.

Bring 1 quart water to boil. Carefully add pasta. Boil, stirring occasionally, 10 to 12 minutes. Cool shells under running water. Drain. Blend gently with dressing

Sugar-plum vision leads to golden rings

A woman called my office recently looking for a new way to sweeten up her holiday menus. She thought it would be fun to make sugar-plums — if only she knew what they were. The summer was the summer was the summer was many mean. The summer was many mean the summer was many mean was summer was many mean.

mean. Fortunately, nutrition specialist Melinda Hemmelgarn had her kerchiefs and caps ready to do some a-leaping to Bon Appetit magazine for a quick response.

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Sugar-plums refer to any fruit confecton. Often a candy or sugar-coated dried fruit, sugar-plums were popular in England and the U.S. a long time, from the 17th to 19th centuries when "plum" referred to any dried fruit tised in fruitcake qualifies, but one of my favorite dried fruit candies for this time of year also matches the description.

Stuffed dried dates are an occook, no-hassie, elegant and healthy addition to holiday cookie trays. Simply insert a shelled pecan half into a whole pitted date ard Tall in granulations, and the sum of the s mouth delicious. At 23 calories apiece, each date is a good source of fiber and iron. To continue the theme, stash a selection of colorful dried apricots somewhere else on the cookie tray. Apricots are rich in fiber, vitamin A and iron. They could be among the first items to disappear.

pear.

No-cook Apricot Balls are
a little messy to make, but
a fond memory from my
grandmother's holiday
treats.

treats.

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist with University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

APRICOT BALLS

1½ cups ground dried apricots 2 cups shredded coconut 34 cup sweetened condensed milk

Mix together apricots and coconut. Stir in sweetened condensed milk. Shape into balls. Roll in confectioner's sugar. Let stand until firm.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Colorful, crunchy apples ring caramel cheese dip

Katie Gilbert, Ballwin, is this week's winner of din-ner certificates to the Pas-ta House Co. for Festive Caramel Apple Dip. This combines fruit and flavors — cheese, pecan and caramel — that snack-

ers love.

Wrapped like a wreath, the sliced apples with their red and green peels are used as dippers.

Deadline for this month's contest is Sunday (Dec. 31).
A single entry to the contest for hot or cold, family or special-occasion pasta can be sent to: Pasta-Perfect Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 300 me winner each of the five Wednesdays in January will be chosen on the

bars "very successful" for guests.
"I made the recipe on the back of the box. It was easy to make, very tasty. don't think you could tell fresh lemon wasn't used. The lemon was just perfect, not too tart or sweet, "she

For one tester, the lemon avor became a holiday

"We keep frosting on hand in the refrigerator for breakfast mutfins and breads. I prefer homemade without anything besides powdered sugar and a little milk so there is almost no fat. Regular confectioner's sugar, even with a little vanilla, has a bit of a chalky flavor, but the lemon has a bright, fresh flavor that leaves no hint of that," she said.

Most testers felt the strawberry flavor would be good to use for more spring and summer occasions. They tasted petit fours made by dipping squares of frozen pound cake in frost-ing made with the flavored sugar.

"They look as wonderful as the ones my mother used to buy and taste as sweet as any I ever have," a taster said.

basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. Double-check directions and specific amounts, giving variations that individualize the recipe. Ell where the possible from and give specific information about special touches that give it a personal signature.

Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules.

Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

FESTIVE CARAMEL APPLE DIP

pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened cup caramel apple dip cup chopped pecans or 3 medium red apples, sliced lengthwise ¼ inch thick

Spread cream cheese on 9-inch plate. Spread cara-mel dip on top. Sprinkle nuts in center.

Alternate apple slices around side of plate, layering slightly.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

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Continued from page 1C. wedges; if using the dough in its rectangular shape, slice in thin strips.

For more cheese recipes, send a postcard to: Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board Department ROP-4711, 8418 Excelsior Drive, Madison, Wis. S517.

CENTERPIECE SALAD

3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive

tbsp. balsamic vinegar tsp. lemon-pepper

seasoning pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen broccoli spears, thawed, drained jar (5 oz.) roasted red

peppers oz. mozzarella cubes or balls 8

cups toasted walnuts, coarsely chopped

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In measuring cup, whisk
together oil, vinegar and ½
teaspoon lemon-pepper,
Cut broccoli in single
stalks, if necessary.
On large oval platter,
arrange broccoli down middle with stalks facing in,
leaving 1-inch border at

edge. Pour half the dressing over top. Place peppers over stalks, leaving florets exposed. Arrange cheese around outside of platter and on top of peppers. Drizzle remaining dressing over the top.

Refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve.

At serving time, sprinkle remaining ½ teaspoon lemon-pepper and walnuts evenly over salad.

Makes 6 servings.

SPICY CHEESE-NUT PIZZA

1 refrigerated pizza crust

1/2 cup mascarpone cheese (or cream cheese), at room temperature
 1 tsp. Szechwan or red pepper blend
 13/4 cups (7 oz.) shredded Halian cheeses
 4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly grease baking

Unroll pizza crust. Press out on baking sheet accord-ing to package directions. Spread mascarpone cheese evenly over crust. Sprinkle pepper, Italian cheeses and walnuts on top. Bake in preheated oven

15 to 18 minutes until crust is deep golden brown and cheese is bubbly. Makes one 12-inch round or one 13-inch rectangular

CORN AND FETA SALSA

cup canned corn cans (15 oz. each) black beans, drained, rinsed pkg. (4 oz.) crumbled feta cheese cup finely chopped red onion

½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
 tsp. Caribbean jerk seasoning

seasoning
3 thsp. lime juice
1/4 cup chopped fresh
cilantro

In large bowl, combine corn, beans, onion, walnuts, seasoning, lime juice and cilantro. Cover. Refriger-ate.

Bring to almost room temperature when ready to serve. Add feta cheese. Lightly stir before serving.

Serve with toasted pita read, cut in wedges. Makes about 7 cups.

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Fruit-laden shortcakes sweeten winter brunch

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There is no exclusive season for shortcake. Taking advantage of cold-weather specialties — like pears, apples, cranberries and dried apricots — makes it a winter highlight.

In the South, traditional shortcake is simply a dressed-up biscuit, buttery-sweet and enriched with egg. Shortcake — really just fruit and biscuits — can be served any time, not use for dessert.

The fruit fillings contain a few kitchen staples.

RICH BISCUIT SHORTCAKES

- 2 cups sifted self-rising flour
 3 thsp. sugar
 ½ cup butter or margarine
 1 egg
 About ½ cup milk

Lightly grease baking sheet.
Combine flour and sugar.
Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
Beat egg in measuring cup. Add enough milk to make % cup. Add to flour mixture. Stir with fork.
Turn out on lightly cloth. Knead until style to the company of the compan

oven 9 to 12 minutes.

Makes 8 to 10 shortcakes.

Notes: If desired, sprinkle shortcakes with 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
before baking.

To use all-purpose flour,
sift 1 tablespoon baking
powder and % teaspoon said
with flour.

For drop biscuit shortcakes, add 1 tablespoon
additional milk to form soft
dough. Drop by spoonful on
prepared baking sheet.

APRICOT-CHEESE SHORTCAKE

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) dried apricots, snipped in bite-size pieces 2 cups water ½ cup sugar 2 tbsp. butter or margarine ½ tsp. vanilla Rich Biscuit Shortcakes Cream Cheese Filling

About ½ cup milk
Preheat oven to 450°.
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teaspoon vanilla with fork until smooth and creamy.

PEAR-CRANBERRY SHORTCAKE

Melt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine in large skil-let. Stir in 4 medium pears, peeled, cored and sliced; 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries; ½ cup sugar, and ¼ cup orange juice. Simmer, stirring occasionally, 20 to 25 minutes until pears thickened. Use of fill and top split shortcakes. Makes 8 servings.

APPLE SAUSAGE SHORTCAKE

In large skillet, cook 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) breakfast sausage links, cut in 1-inch pieces, until browned. Drain.

Stir in 3 large golden deli-cious apples, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped. Cook about 5 minutes until ten-der.

Just before serving, stir ½ cup maple or pancake syrup into apple mixture. Split shortcakes. Fill and top with apple mixture. Serve with more warm syr-up. Makes 8 servings.

Extend shortcake season through the year with Apricot-Cheese Shortcakes.

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MAC AND CHEESE

1 tsp. cumin 2 cups uncooked elbow meacuroni 2 cup chopped onion 2 tsp. fennel seed with 1 meat is browned. In large saucepan over medium heat, heat cheese, milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese melts. Cook meacuroni according to the fernel seed with 1 meat is browned. In large saucepan over medium heat, heat cheese, milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese melts. Cook meacuroni according to the fernel seed until meat is browned. In large saucepan over medium heat, heat cheese, milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese melts. Stir in ground beef, cooked the fernel seed until meat is browned. In large saucepan over medium heat, heat cheese, milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese milk and cumin, stirring frequently, until cheese, milk and cumin, stirring frequently.

Pineapple, cranberries fine-tune flavor of ham

Holiday menus start with big items, like ham, turkey or shrimp, but chances are a family thinks of side dishes enjoyed over the years, too. Many should be served again and the served again and the served again with the served again and the served again and the served again to the served against th

A brighter flavor or new touch transforms them into a dish fit for a celebration.

Pineapple and cranberies make a sweet and tangy combination that complements savory ingredients, such as meats, and tall adds flavor dimension to vegetables, such as The idea of combining the heat of chiles or a hot vams.

The idea of combining pineapple with savory ingredients is basic to from Caribbean and Brazilian to Chinese. Depending on ingredients, pineapple with savory ingredients, so from 2 properties. The combination of the combi

with sweet potatoes.

Those who like cranberries should freeze extra packages now, because the fresh season disappears after the new year. orange juice laced with sugar, cinamon and cloves adds to the tang and freshness of pineapple and cranberries. It can be served over ham, turkey, squash or yams.

If using fresh pineapple, look for plump fruit with a mend. Leaving it at room temperature when it comes into the house diminishes its quality. This is because pineapple is already ripe when harvested, so it does not ripen further.

For best quality, cut and refrigerate it in an airtight come of the pineapple with plastic wrap, store in a refrigerator and use it as

PINEAPPLE CRANBERRY SAUCE

1½ cups fresh or canned pineapple tidbits 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

soon as possible.

cranberries
½ cup orange juice
¼ cup sugar
1 tbsp. cornstarch
½ tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. cloves

If using fresh pineapple, twist off crown, cut pineap-ple in half lengthwise and cover and refrigerate one

half for later use. Cut remaining half in half. Core and skin fruit. Chop fruit to make 1½ cups. In medium saucepan, bring cranberries, juice, sugar, cornstarch, china-sugar, cornstarch, china-keduce heat. Cook 5 min-utes, stirring occasionally. Add pineapple. Cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes until heated through.

Serve over ham, turkey, squash or yams.

Makes 2½ cups; 45 calories, no fat, protein or cholesterol, 1 mg sodium and 12 g carbohydrate per ½-cup serving. cooked

14 cup grated romano cheese

15 tsp. salt

15 tsp. italian seasoning

14 tsp. pepper

1 can (8 oz.) pizza sauce

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By Dan Meyer

Lower back stretch helps ease a backache and keeps one from returning. Lying on your back, keep one leg straight, pulling the other toward your chest. Hold for 10 seconds; change legs. Repeat 10 times.

10 times.

To Increase your body's absorption of iron from your salad greens, add some tomato (vitamin C) to the salad.

Modified pushup is good to build strength if you can't do if the standard way. Try starting in the "up" position, and let yourself down stowly. Use your knees, if stowly. Use your knees, if they position, then repeat.

ting position, then repeat. When you really crave something sweet, pour yourself a half cup of orange juice; it's only 60 calories. Same calories, even more satisfying; mix in an equal amount of seltzer or club soda.

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- 12 jumbo pasta shells, uncooked
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 1 cup sliced zucchini, cut in quarters
 32 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
 4 oz. fresh spinach, washed, drained, chopped
 1½ cups low-fat cottage cheese, drained
 1 cup sliced carrot, cooked
 1 cup broccoli florets,

1 can (8 oz.) pizza sauce
Cook pasta shells according to package directions.
Rinse. Place in cold water
until ready to use.
Melt butter in large skillet.
Saute zucchini, mushrooms
and onion 3 minutes. Stir in
spinach. Cook 1 minute longer. Remove from heat.
Stir in cottage cheese, carrot, broccoli, romano cheese,
salt, Italian seasoning and
pepper.

salt, Italian seasoning and pepper.
Preheat oven to 350°.
Drain pasta shells. Fill each shell with about ½ cup cheese mixture.
Spread small amount of pizza sauce in bottom of 1½-quart rectangular baking dish. Spoon remaining pizza sauce over shells.
Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until hot.





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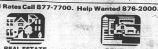
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Baby boom retirees' demands on the Social Security system will further drain the national savings pool, further limiting investment, productivity and the standard of living, these prognosticators say.

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ratio and on per capita consumption.

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Gobble gobble — Omni Bank, located on Illinois 111 in ch and on Nameoki Road in Granite City, awarded gift certificates redeemable at LeRoy's Market to three lucky customers whose names were drawn in the weeks before customers whose names were drawn in the weeks before Thanksgiving, In the top photo, Kathy Franklin, left, presents a certificate to Kent Holsinger. Below top, Omni employee Kim Parente presents Allene Arnold with her certificate. Below bottom is Bob Little, left, receiving his certificate from Omni Bank employee Gail Newberry.





Named to bank advisory board

Kathy Schmitt Federico, general manager of Schmitt Chevro-let Inc., has been named to the advisory board of directors of Mark Twain Illinois Bank's Edwardsville location, Joseph N. Millard, chairman and president of Mark Twain Illinois Bank, made the announcement.

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Prices of materials, products compared

Correspondent

When consumer prices
climbed a surprisingly robust
0.3 percent in September, some
at producer prices — the costs
of the materials that go into
the goods we purchase.
Producer prices, also called
input prices, have been
increasing.
For the 12 months that ended
June 30, prices of raw
more up 7.2 percent.
The prices of intermediate
goods — such as steel to be
used in manufacturing other
products — were up 16.7
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goods — such as steel to be used in manufacturing other used in manufacturing other percent. — were up 16.7 percent. — Since economic theory suggests that increases in producer prices are passed up the line, then consumer prices must eventually rise, too, some analysts argue. — the consumer price index buttresses the argument that producer prices lead consumer prices, those analysts say. But two recent studies challenge that assertice that producer prices lead consumer prices, those analysts say. But two recent studies challenge that assertice that producer prices that producer and consumer prices, but it is a weak link. — "An examination of the "An examinat

"An examination of the empirical evidence (historical data) indicates that producer prices are not always good predictors of consumer prices," says Todd Clark, of the Kansas City Fed.

Louis Fed, examined price the Kansas City Fed.

He found 13 turning points in the prices of intermediate goods that should have been followed by similar turns in consumer prices six months later.

followed by similar turns in consumer prices six months later.

But consumer prices made just six of those turns.

Thus, "The recent increases in some producer prices do not necessarily signal higher inflation," Clark concludes in Economic Review, a publication of the Kansas City Ped.

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th fact, while the prices of
raw materials and
intermediate goods advanced
7.2 percent and 16.7 percent,
respectively, the prices of, a
percent and consumer prices
advanced 3.1 percent.
Clark cites several reasons
prices to be fully passed
through to consumers:

• The Producer Price Index (PPI) covers goods, while the Consumer Price Index includes services, which reduces the influence of producer prices on the CPI.

The PPI measures only the cost of domestic production, yet the CPI includes imported goods, which further mitigates the impact of producer prices on the CPI.
 Producer prices account,

on average, for just one-half the cost of producing a product, which means a 7.2 percent increase in the price raw materials translates into 3.6 percent increase in the finished-goods price.

• Manufacturers sometimes reduce their markup, holding prices level in an attempt to

gain an advantage over competitors who increase prices.

Clark, using data back to 1959, constructed a model to

He found "only a weak relationship between changes in producer prices and subsequent changes in consumer prices."





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Family looking for holiday miracle for child

Christmas is a time for miracles, and that is exactly what one Belleville family is asking for this holiday season. In September, soon after celebrating their son's first birthday, doctors at Cardinal

Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis toud Steve and Dawn Sallerson Nicholas that "Cole' had a fatal, rare blood disease.
"Cole has to have a bone marrow transplant soon," said Dawn Sallerson. "He has no choice. We can't just say, well let's not do it, because he doesn't have time to wait."
Usually, within three to 12 months of being

diagnosed with Cole's blood diseases—
Monosomy 7 and Myelodysplasia— a patient
work of the cole of the

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. bee. See The County Courthouse, 10 Public Square, Room 401, 41 is highly unlikely that anyone who donates will match Cole." Sallerson said. "It's like looking for a needle in a haystack, but we have to do something."

"What is happening to Cole is not in our control, but we feel like we are accomplishing something by having the drive. Maybe a match will be found for someone else."

"Only has a 60 percent and a 40 percent chance it would cure him. Sallerson said.

Cole's condition was discovered when he was hospitalized with a high fever. He had suffered a series of ear infections, and was put in the hospital to reduce his fever. A Bellevie of which should be suffered as the suffered on the suffered as the suffered of the suffered with a high fever. He had suffered as the suffered as the suffered with a high fever. A great with a high control of the suffered with a high suffered to the suffered with a high suffered was the suffered to the suffered with a high suffered was the suffered with a high suffered with a high suffered was the suffered with a high suffered was the suffered was

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has had two ear infections and pneumonia.

"You would never dream Cole was sick looking at him," Sallerson said. "He is a beautiful," Sallerson said. "He is a beautiful, on the said playful little boy. We have learned focus on the kids and creating happy times with them. We take one day at a time and pray and hope everything comes out okay."

Potential donors must be between the ages of is and 54 and in good health with no history of heart disease, cancer (other than cured skin cancer), asthma, diabetes or other chronic illness.

Donors give two tablespoons of blood, which will be tested and placed on the NMDP

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If a match is found, the donor will undergo a minor surgical procedure in which less than 5 percent of the body's marrow is removed from the rear of the pelvic bone. Within a few weeks the body will reproduce the donated bone marrow.

The marrow will be given intravenously to the recipient, after they have received a treatment of chemotherapy and/or radiation to wipe out their own diseased bone marrow. It will travel through the blood stream to the recipient's bones, where it will begin to produce new blood products.

To help the Sallerson's pay for the blood tests during the drive, their friends have set up a trust fund. Donations can be sent to The Cole Sallerson Trust Fund, West Pointe Bank & Trust Company, Attention Cindy Sahr, 5701 West Main St., Belleville, IL 62223.



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Band looks for musical success

By Ron Wisdom Staff writer

Anyone who listens to the Point (KFNT 105.7 FM) for any length of time or perhaps music scene in St. Louis have music scene, if their past success is any indication of what's to come, they won't be obscure for long.

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Matt Docter (lead vocals, guitar). "We're trying to get many." We're trying to get mean and the second of the seco

The musicians' debut, full-length CD, "ripplemark" on the Mud Records label is a little more than a year old. It is Mud's biggest seller to date. Suede Chain made it into the Top 15 on the Point with its single, "Daisy Dawn." That single, "Daisy Dawn." That single, "Daisy Dawn." That single, "Daisy Dawn." The single was you to form the Did of the things of the single was provided from the things of the single was provided by the single was provided by the single was the single was

bands.
Hearing himself on the radio took Matt Docter just a little while to get used to.
"At first it feels a little wierd, but you get used to it," he said. "As long as you don't hear it too much, you can

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enjoy it."
Recording live is a completely different experience from what the band went through on the first CD. "Segmented," said Docter. "We laid down some tracks, and then we went back and laid down some more tracks, and some some tracks and some shout a month and a half."
However, recording live comes with its own set of problems. "It is that we are trying to cut them live." he said. "Because of that, it can get kind of frustrating. We have to hit, all of the takes the right of the said. "Because of that, it can get kind of frustrating. We have to hit, all of the takes the right of the said. "Because of that, it can get kind of frustrating. We have to hit, all of the takes the right of the said. "Because of that, it can get kind a second that, it can get kind of frustrating. We have to hit, all of the takes the right of the said of the said. "Because of the said it someone would have load he recording her second CD, she would have never believed to his before, it is a said. "In ever of the said. "In ever plugged into an amp and played must come the first joined the band, she was still reading everything off of sheet music, now he gets to write her own parts.

The said of the said. Locally, you can catch The Suede Chain at Mississippi Nights in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, Dec. 20



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hristmas traditions vary round the world

Families throughout the St. Louis area have Christmas customs and traditions they hold dear, and so do families throughout the world. Nikki Van Ausdall, executive administrator of the United Nations Association of Greater St. Louis, 12 S. Meramec Ave. in Clayton, said some of the celebrations extend for more than

of the United Nations Association of Greater of the United Nations Association of Greater St. Louis, 121 S. Meramec Ave. in Clayton, said some of the celebrations extend for more than come of the celebrations extend for more than the people of Mexico observe Posadas, a nine-day celebration held before Christmas. Van Ausdall said.

Mexican families host parties where they re-enact scenes from the story of Mary and Joseph stream of the pretending they are Mary and Joseph, lead a procession and knock on the door where a party is being held.

The couple is rejected at first, but later welcomed or in the door where a party is being held.

The couple is rejected at first, but later welcomed first in the party, there is lots of cold and cancing, Van Ausdall said.

"And of course there's a pinata," she said. Each child at the party is blindfolded, spun around three times and then allowed to swing at the pinata with a stick. Once the pinata is broken loads of candy fall out of it.

(good night), is held Christmas Eve.

Mexicans there kneel before an altar, where they place a figure of the Christ child in an empty cradle. with lanterns, families sing on a braile the last pinata and later attend a midnight church service.

The Dutch on Dec. 5 celebrate Sinterklaas—the birthday of St. Nicolas, the children's saint. "They believe he's the good saint from Spain and that he comes to the Netherlands for his the comes to the Netherlands for his the comes to the Netherlands for his the saint and that he comes to the Netherlands for his the saint and that he comes to the Netherlands for his the comes to the Netherlands for his the horse of small parties or in public squares. There they ring church bells, shoot guns and then parade through the city, Van Ausdall said.

During it homes, friging doorbells, scattering candy throughout the room and leaving a basket full of presents.

Everyone takes a turn opening a gift and then reads the poems written the week before. Family members then leave their shoes will ride over the rooftops a

with presents.

Some religions in Japan also have a tradition of leaving shoes out, in hopes of having them filled with gifts. Van Ausdall said.

"My mother told me the reason they did that when she lived in Japan was because they didn't have chimneys to hang the stockings, so they put out their shoes." Van Ausdall said. In Swedish and Swedish-American homes, schools, offices and churches, the beginning of the Christmas season is signified on Dec. 13 with Santa Lucia Day, said Diane Zimmer, vice president of the Swedish Council of St. Louis.

The council will celebrate its 20th

The council will celebrate its 20th amiversary in 1996, the same year as the 150th amiversary in 1996, the same year as the 150th amiversary of Swedish immigration to America.

According to tradition, Santa Lucia, martyred for her Christianity, is the Sicilian saint who signifies the bringing of light, hope and comfort. But where the Christmas legend of this saint eame from is unknown.

"Maybe the Vikings brought the legend back to Sweden," Zimmer said.
On Santa Lucia Day, the eldest daughter in each family awakes before dawn in a white wears a crown of candles — the battery ones, Jimmer said.
The girl carries a tray of coffee and Lucia.

wears a crown of candles — the battery ones, Zimmer sairies a tray of coffee and Lucia rolls to family members.

The girl carriers a tray of coffee and Lucia rolls to family members. There's special kind of saffron bun called the Lucia control of the tray of

The Germans celebrate the holiday season by placing apples, paper roses and flat waters on trees to represent Adam and Eve, the Virgin The practice probably derived from the "paradise tree" used in a medieval play about Adam and Eve.

The Germans also have other decorations such as a Christmas pyramid made of wood and decorated with branches and candles, and a charter of the condition of the co

candles.
When a group of Germans, called Moravians, came to America in 1747, they settled in Bethlehem, Pa., Van Ausdall said.

"Isn't that ironic?" she said.

The United Nations Association of Greater St. huguis is a non-governmental agency which rganizes community programs in St. Louis to

support the United Nations and its agencies. It also runs the Model U.N. program, hosts human rights celebrations throughout the year and disseminates information about the United Nations.

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